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4. KYODO NEWS SERVICE SUBSEQUENTLY CARRIED BRIEF ACCOUNT OF PORTION OF MEETING DEALING WITH KIM DAE JUNG IN WHICH AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD WAS INACCURATELY REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT PRESIDENT-ELECT REAGAN HAD SENT AN "APPROPRIATE PERSON" TO ROK TO INTERCEDE ON KIM'S BEHALF. ACCOUNT ALSO INCORRECTLY QUOTED AMBASSADOR AS SAYING SUPREME COURT DECISION WOULD BE HANDED DOWN THIS WEEK. HOWEVER, KYODO PIECE CORRECTLY REPORTED AMBASSADOR'S STATEMENT THAT A CHANGE IN U.S. ADMINISTRATIONS WOULD NOT MEAN CHANGE IN U.S. CONCERN FOR KIM. KYODO STORY WAS CARRIED BY ENGLISH-LANGUAGE JAPAN TIMES ON DECEMBER 2, BUT NOT

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BY ANY OF MAJOR JAPANESE DAILIES.

5. ACCORDING TO PRESS, DEN ALSO CALLED ON KOREAN AMBASSADOR CHOI ON DECEMBER 2, CAUTIONING HIM THAT KIM DAE JUNG'S EXECUTION COULD CAUSE "EXTREME" DIFFICULTIES IN JAPAN-KOREAN RELATIONS. ACCORDING TO WHAT DEN TOLD PRESS AFTERWARD, CHOI DENIED THAT VERDICT WOULD BE HANDED DOWN DECEMBER 5, SAYING THAT IN KOREA APPEAL TRIALS USUALLY TOOK LONGER. AS FOR OUTCOME, CHOI WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID HIS EARLIER PERSONAL VIEW WAS THAT PRESIDENT CHUN WOULD NOT ALLOW KIM TO BE EXECUTED. HOWEVER, CONSIDERING CURRENT KOREAN SITUATION FROM CHUN'S POINT OF VIEW, HE WAS NO LONGER CONFIDENT THAT KIM'S CASE WOULD BE HANDLED IN WAY HE HAD EARLIER EXPECTED.

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